

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting the paragraph below, after the title on page 1.

Cross-Reference to Related Application

[0001.1] This application claims priority based on International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2003/002069, entitled "Arc Contact Element for an Electrical Apparatus, Production Method Thereof, Corresponding Contact Assembly and Electrical Apparatus" by BESSEDE, Jean-Luc; VISATA, Oana Irina; and PORTE, Jacques, which claims priority of French Application No. 02 08498, filed on July 5, 2002, and which was not published in English.